

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) A leg protection system for protecting a leg of an occupant, comprising:

one airbag for protecting an ankle and a knee of the occupant, the airbag comprising

a first chamber,

a second chamber separate from the first chamber, and

at least one duct connecting the first chamber and the second chamber for providing communication therebetween; and an inflator connected to the airbag for inflating the airbag, wherein said first and second chambers are spaced apart from each other by a predetermined distance, and are connected together by the at least one duct, said at least one duct having a width less than those of the first and second chambers;

said one airbag comprises a front panel and a rear panel joined together along a first connection at peripheries thereof, and along second connections at a middle portion between the front panel and the rear panel in a vertical direction, respectively, so as to divide the one airbag into the first chamber, the second chamber, and the at least one duct;

said second connections extend toward a center area of the airbag from left and right sides between the front panel and the rear panel in the vertical direction;

each of the second connections has a substantially U-shape with one side extending vertically and two other sides extending laterally parallel to an upper side and a lower side of the front panel and the rear panel;

the vertically extending sides face each other at the middle portion of the front panel and the rear panel in the lateral direction; and

a space between the vertically extending sides defines one duct.

2-7. (Canceled)

8. (Withdrawn, previously presented) A vehicle comprising:

the leg protection system according to claim 1 for protecting the leg of the occupant,

an instrumental panel,

a dash panel disposed below the instrument panel, and

a closing panel extending from a lower end of the instrumental panel for closing a space between the lower end of the instrument panel and the dash panel so that the airbag is disposed between the instrument panel and the leg of the occupant when the airbag is inflated.

9. (Withdrawn, previously presented) A vehicle according to claim 8, wherein said protection system is disposed on at least one of the instrument panel, the dash panel, and the closing panel.

10. (Withdrawn, previously presented) A vehicle comprising:

the leg protection system according to claim 1 for protecting the leg of the occupant,

an instrumental panel, and

a dash panel extending from a lower end of the instrumental panel so that the airbag is disposed between the instrument panel and the leg of the occupant when the airbag is inflated.

11-17. (Canceled)